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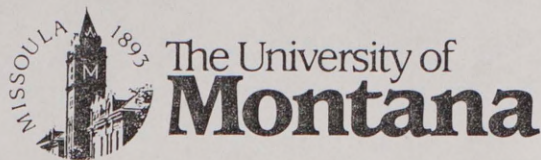
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LECTURE FOCUSES ON PARENTING CHALLENGES

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In an age where complex moral endeavors such as justice, mercy and compassion have been reduced to simplistic sound bites, parents attempting to raise morally responsible children have a challenge on their hands.

UM Professor Rita Sommers-Flanagan will discuss how to be and beget ethical citizens in the next lecture of the Provost's Distinguished Faculty Series Wednesday, April 27, at The University of Montana.

The lecture, "Courage, Character, Compassion: Challenges in Raising Ethical Children," will be held at 7 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall and is free and open to the public.

Sommers-Flanagan is a professor in UM's Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling, as well as director of the Women's Studies Program. She has a doctorate in clinical psychology and a master's degree in communication, and she is a certified school counselor, licensed psychologist, ethics consultant and author.

Her recent publications include "Don't Divorce Us! Kids' Advice to Divorcing Parents" and "Problem Child or Quirky Kid?"

For more information on the lecture, call the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at 243-4689.

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